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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents under provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing an Amendment in response to the Official Action mailed June 20, 2002 for three (3) months i.e., from September 20, 2002 to December 20, 2002.

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Under provision 37 C.F.R. 1.117(a)(3), the required fee is \$460.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for any deficiency or credit any overpayment to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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